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Old wood windows can be saved, along with a good deal of cash, according to the Norman Historic District Commission, sponsor of a series of restoration workshops scheduled for November. The Commission is offering a pair of hands-on, window repair workshops November 19 and 20 to be led by nationally recognized preservation expert, Bob Yapp. Yapp will lead participants in the art of refinishing windows at a demonstration house in the Chautauqua Historic District near the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman.

Weekend events will also include a screening of *Blue Vinyl: A Toxic Comedy* on Friday, November 18 at 7 p.m. at the Norman Senior Citizens Center, 329 S. Peters. With humor, hope and a piece of vinyl siding firmly in hand, the award-winning documentary explores the manufacture of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), the world's second largest selling plastic. The film event is free and open to the public and does not require registration.

On Saturday November 19 and Sunday, November 20, two, day-long window workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 439 Chautauqua Avenue. Registration is required for the workshops and preference will be given to Norman residents until November 1. A \$15-per-person workshop fee includes lunch. Registration is limited to 12 participants per session, but observers are welcome if space allows.

Instructor Bob Yapp, who runs a school for historic preservation trades and technology in Hannibal, MO, will demonstrate various repair techniques for double-hung wood windows. Workshop participants will use Yapp's techniques to restore windows at the workshop site.

Each session will involve removing an entire window, stripping layers of built-up paint, repairing rotted wood, reglazing panes, restringing sash weights and reinstallation of the restored windows. Safe removal of lead-based paint also is covered during the workshops, as well as discussions about the energy efficiency of double-hung wood windows.

“We are pleased to have Bob Yapp back in Norman,” said Historic District Chairman Neil Robinson. “He has a great deal of restoration expertise and experience to impart. In the past, his workshops have been very popular with homeowners.”

More than two dozen people participated in Yapp’s 2009 window workshop, which also was sponsored by the Norman Historic District Commission. Robinson said the primary mission of the Commission is to identify and protect historic resources and to educate the public about the importance of preservation. The window workshop is made possible by a grant from the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, through the Oklahoma Historic Preservation Office Certified Local Government (CLG) program.

Reservations for the hands-on workshop session will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register for the workshop, email [susan.atkinson@normanok.gov](mailto:susan.atkinson@normanok.gov) or call 405-366-5392.

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